

RED SENIORS FALTER LOSING CLOSE BATTLE

Final Score 7-4 as Verdun
Stages Late 3rd Period Rally

SCORE FIVE GOALS

Wipe Out McGill Lead—Pid-
cock, Tennant Star—For-
mer Gets Two Tallies

By A.C.E.

FOR fifty minutes of last night's hockey game at the Forum, it looked as if the McGill hockeyists were finally going to chalk up their first win of the season in their encounter against Verdun Maple Leafs. But with more than half of the last period gone, the highly-touted Leafs found their scoring punch to register five goals and take the game by the score of 7-4.

With the victory, Verdun grabbed four points to hurdle the inactive Royals and Aces, and tie with the league-leading Ottawa team. In the nightcap of the double-header, Vics and Concordia played a ragged game, with the City-hallers coming out on the long end of a 6-3 count.

OUTPLAY VERDUN.

The Redmen, out for their first victory, outplayed Verdun for the major part of the game, showing a world of speed and backchecking Verdun forwards into submission. Paul Pidcock, shifty right-winger, led the McGill attack, netting two goals, while Ronnie Perowne bolstered up his scoring average with a goal and an assist.

Coach Farquharson presented the new forward line of Crutchfield, McConnell and Pidcock, that brought cheers from the fans by their brilliant play, as they kept the Verdun team continually on the defensive. Walker, Craig and Perowne teamed up for the second line and saw plenty of action, for Hibbard and O'Brien, though dressed, did not get into the play.

DICKSON ON DEFENCE.

Cammie Dickson and Timmy Dunn showed up to advantage on the McGill defence, with the former playing the whole game. Dunn was on practically full time, being only replaced by a forward with three minutes to go. Dave Tennant played between the pipes and kept the Verdun sharpshooters under control until those fatal last ten minutes.

The Verdunites were hopelessly outplayed for most of the game, and showed none of that famed scoring punch till the latter part of the game. Desroches' goal after 12 minutes of the third stanza had gone by, seemed to be the needed spark that gave them some life. And how that spark worked! They pumped in two more goals before a stunned McGill team could rally, then took advantage of McGill's last-minute five man attack to break away twice and count on neatly executed plays.

BOURCIER HIGH SCORER.

Conrad Bourcier was the high scorer of the Verdun team, garnering two goals and an assist, while Bill Summerhill added two goals to boost his total scoring points to 13, one behind the leading sniper, Tag Miller of the Barber-Poles. Joe Desroches also counted twice, with Ambois netting one tally on a solo.

McGill opened the attack in the first period, and counted twice before five minutes had elapsed. Pidcock counted the first on a pass from Russ McConnell, to flip the puck behind Hughie McCormick, ex-pro goalee, who replaced the ailing Burke. Walker scored the second.

NEWS CALENDAR

TODAY
1 p.m.—Commercial Society Luncheon—McGill Union.
2 p.m.—R.V.C. Glee Club—R.V.C. Common Room.
2 p.m.—Arts Undergrad Debates—Arts Building.
8.30 p.m.—Dental Undergrad Meeting—McGill Union Grill.
TOMORROW
7 p.m.—C.O.T.C. Banquet—3480 University.
8 p.m.—I.V.C.F.—Strathcona Hall.
8.30 p.m.—German Club—Club Teutonia.

PLUMBERS vs. ARTSMEN



The above picture, taken by the 'Daily' staff photographer during Monday's fracas, shows Artsmen defending the steps of the Arts Building against an invading group of Engineers.

PLUMBERS HOLD FROLIC TONIGHT

Committee Promises Unique
Entertainment for Engi-
neering Banquet

Floor Show, Skits, Songs,
and Beer to Feature Annual
Get-Together

FOLLOWING IN QUICK SUCCESSION

upon the signal victory which the Engineers scored over the Arts students in the "Battle of Hastings," the Engineering Banquet should be an outstanding success, according to the executive of the Engineering Undergraduate Society. The banquet, which is scheduled for tonight, is the result of much planning and careful preparations.

As this banquet is not open to women students it is up to the Engineers themselves to provide the entertainment, and the committee in charge of the affair promises a number of surprises. Some inkling of what might be expected to transpire may be obtained from the fact that an elaborate floor-show has been arranged. It is not known whether the participants in this show will consist solely of Engineers or whether there will be introduced a female element. This is one of the deep dark secrets which may not be divulged.

In addition to the floor show the committee admits to having prepared a few skits and original song renditions. Community singing, in Engineering style, will form a major item in the evening's entertainment.

It has been decided by the committee that this function, the most important one on the Engineers' social calendar, is to be the record.

CLUB TEUTONIA TO BE SCENE OF PLAY

Noted European Actress to
Perform for German
Club

The German Club will be entertained by the well-known actress, Faulein von Amann at their meeting which is being held at 8.30 to-night at the Club Teutonia, 1177 Mountain street. She will play the title role in two scenes from Lessing's masterpiece, "Minna von Barnhelm," which has been chosen especially to show her dramatic ability. The Faulein was trained in Vienna by Max Reinhardt, and she has won much fame abroad by her characterizations in "Minna von Barnhelm" and "Tovarich" in which she has played several times.

The role of Major von Tellheim—Minna's fiancé whose struggle between his love and his sense of honor provides the theme of the play—will be taken by Mr. E. C. Doehler, well known in local amateur dramatic circles for his characterizations in M.R.T. productions.

The Executive of the German Club last night announced the meeting will be open to all students who have the equivalent of one year's study of the German language. A short resume of the play, act by act, will be given so as to give those who have not read the play a general idea of the events leading up to the two scenes to be enacted.

ARTS ORATORS DEBATE ROLE OF MODERN GIRL

Tomorrow's Debates Mark Re-
juvenation of Arts Debating

ENGINEERS WELCOME

Second Debate Deals With
First Year Latin
Course

By P.S.

TWO debates on two widely diversified subjects will feature the re-opening of debating in the faculty of Arts today at five o'clock. The resolutions to be debated upon are, "Resolved That the Modern Girl Is a Disappointment to Men," and "Resolved That First Year Latin Should Be Compulsory For a B.A. Degree."

The participants in the first debate are Peter Vaughan and Sidney Barza, of first year, upholding the affirmative, and their opponents Alexander Stalker and Gordon Greaves, representing the freshman. The affirmative in the second debate will be upheld by John Denny and Cuthbert Gifford. Eric Peterson will act as chairman of both debates, and Bill McNaughton, an engineering freshman, and W. Nowers Asbury, a McGill graduate, have consented to act as judges.

The above information represents only the cold bare facts relating to the subjects and personnel of today's debate. Behind it lies a tale of frantic and strenuous effort on the part of the Arts Debating Committee in order that debating in their faculty should become an accomplished fact. Smartering under the sting imparted by the engineering debates, the committee is striving to assure the success of their venture, and they have carefully chosen the subjects for today's debate so as to attract students from all faculties, as well as artsmen. The topic of the first debate is one of universal interest. The role which women now play in business and commerce, and have thus lost much of her femininity. The important question is whether they are preferred by men in their present or in their former role.

The subject of the study of Latin has long been controversial among students. The Arts Debating Committee invites the professors of classical languages, and the members of the Arts Curriculum Commission in order to hear the views of the students on the advisability of compulsory Latin.

A special invitation is extended to the engineering undergraduates in order that they might both hear debates, and demonstrate their good will towards the artsmen despite the synthetic verbal and snowball imbued, which have characterized Arts-Engineering rivalry.

Dental Undergrads To Hear Anatomist

WHEN the Dental Undergraduates meet tonight in the Union Grill Room they will listen to a talk which will give them a better idea as to what our ancestors of the dim past were like. The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8.30 p.m., will be addressed by Professor C. P. Martin, head of the Department of Anatomy at the University, who will speak on Prehistoric Man.

Professor Martin, who has the reputation of being one of the few men alive who can make Anatomy an interesting course for the students, is an authority on the subject of prehistoric man, having written quite extensively on the subject.

An innovation at this meeting will be the fact that it will be held in the Union instead of the Medical Building, as has been the custom.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON BOOK CO-OP

Commission Formulates Plans
for Commencing Book-store

Press Commission Pass
Resolution Regarding Poli-
tical and Military News

THE questionnaire on Page 4 of this issue has been put out by the Book Co-operative for the purpose of ascertaining the actual amount spent by the students in all the faculties yearly on new and second-hand books. Under this also comes the instruments bought by the students in Engineering and Medicine. It is estimated that an Engineering student pays \$25 on instruments. A general investigation of the theory of co-operatives in all parts of the world has been made, but no plans will be formed regarding the general policy of the Co-operative until the results of the questionnaire are known.

The Book Co-operative started under the auspices of the Social Problems Club, was taken over by the Students' Council, and is now working for the National Conference.

"That it is the function of the student press to direct student attention in a purely impartial way to matters of war, peace and political and social changes," was the resolution passed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Press Commission. The group which had moved at an earlier meeting that world affairs be excluded from the pages of a college newspaper decided that outside matters of more local interest should be printed but not to the exclusion of university activities. It was agreed that the aim and object of a university paper is to keep the student body informed of matters that would be of interest to them, and as regards outside news the Commission decided that the college press should publish all such with complete impartiality and should in no way at

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PLAYERS POLISH UP "SHINING HOUR" AT DRESS REHEARSAL

ADDRESS TO BE GIVEN BY MAYOR

Social Problems Club Holds
Discussion on Padlock Law

Civil Liberties Union to
Launch Dominion-wide
Petition

HIS WORSHIP J. ADHEMAR RAYNAULT, Mayor of Montreal, will address McGill students on the subject "Recent Trends in Montreal," on Monday December 13, at 5 o'clock in the Union Ballroom, speaking at the invitation of the Social Problems Club, under whose auspices Monday's meeting is being held.

During the preceding month McGill students have evinced a lively interest in recent developments in the province of Quebec, especially in connection with the alleged suppression of civil liberties, and the recent vigorous application of the "Padlock Law," enacted at last year's session of the Quebec Legislature. The purpose of this law is to suppress all forms of Communist propaganda in this province. Many are of the opinion that this is in contradiction of British law and tradition, which guarantees the right of assembly and expression to all groups of different political belief. Moreover, the absence of a definition of Communism in the text of the law renders it especially dangerous to any progressive group whatsoever. The above facts were expounded by R. L. Calder in an address at McGill on November seventeenth.

For the above reasons the Civil Liberties Union is sponsoring the circulation of a Dominion-wide petition for the repeal of the padlock law. It is expected that a million signatures will be collected throughout Canada. Petition forms are at present being circulated on the campus, the objective being to obtain one thousand signatures. These will be attested to by a notary and forwarded to Quebec.

The extent to which student opinion on this question has been aroused at McGill can be judged by the inauguration of the "Honourable Order of the Padlock." The insignia of the order is a miniature padlock to be worn on a coat lapel. Several hundred students are already displaying the emblem of the order on their lapels.

It is expected that the Mayor's address will deal with the controversial padlock law question. His Worship has played a prominent part in the events in connection with the alleged suppression of civil liberties and is a staunch follower of Premier Duplessis, the father of the padlock law.

ROMANTIC HERO



STEPHEN MACNUTT takes the part played by Raymond Massey in the original production of "The Shining Hour."

ARTSMEN HOLD XMAS INFORMAL

Tickets for Coming Dance on
Sale Now

Price Announced — Includes
Supper at Annual
Frolic

WINDING up a successful season of Freshman parties, a heavily attended Junior Prom, and an overflowing Sophomore Hop, the Arts Undergraduate Informal will close the McGill social season for 1937 on Friday, December 17th. The Artsmen, their ladies, and students from the other faculties will give a last display of their ability in the gentle art of trucking and other forms of Bacchanalian abandon, in the Union Ballroom, starting at 9 o'clock.

Music for this last college party of the year will be furnished by an eight-piece band, led by Jack Bain, of Edgewater fame. Lila Deane, petite California songstress, is to sing the lyrics to some of the most popular songs of the day. Jack Bain's Merry Men are well known to Montrealers, and as well as just having finished a record for Victor, are heard weekly over station CKAC. Dance novelties are also to be a feature of the Arts Informal, and the executive stated last night, "Although we seem to have heard the phrase before, our

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AFRICAN CUSTOMS IS I.V.C.F. TOPIC

Rev. V. E. Veary Will Deliver
Illustrated Lecture
Tomorrow

The customs, characteristics and religion of the primitive tribes of French Equatorial Africa will be the substance of the illustrated lecture to be given tomorrow at 8.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Strathcona Hall. This meeting is open to all McGill students and is under the auspices of the McGill I.V.C.F.

The speaker, Rev. V. E. Veary, has been in French Equatorial Africa for the last ten years. He has reduced to writing the difficult language of the tribe amongst which he has been working. The pictures which will be projected will depict the private, domestic and public life of this people. The missionary will attempt to tell of the strange customs and superstitious beliefs of tribal natives. Mr. Veary, due to his experiences as a newspaperman and as a student in Paris, was able to establish close relations with the officials of this French colony. It might be noted that this district is adjacent to the Cameroons, a country which Germany wishes to annex.

On Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the I.V.C.F. will sponsor the University Vesper Service. This meeting is being led by McGill students, and is to be held in Divinity Hall.

OPENING TONIGHT

Winter Comedy Seen as Fast-
moving, Gripping Masterpiece

ADAPTED TO CAST

Sustains Tradition of "Road
to Rome," "He Who Gets
Slapped" and "Autumn
Crocus"

By R. M. L.

"CURTAIN going up." From Producer to Call Boy, members of the Players' Club are keyed up for the Stage Manager's order which will climax three weeks of intensive preparation on Keith Winter's psychological drama "The Shining Hour." With the final dress rehearsal run off last night, McGill's opening theatrical production of the year is ready to stand the test of the University's critical theatre-goers who will crowd Moyses Hall tonight, Friday and Saturday.

In line with the Club's constitutional requirements, the Executive have chosen for their first major show a modern play of the highest order by a universally accepted author. Audiences in England and the States have voiced unanimous approval of this fast-moving and gripping masterpiece, and we are glad to see that the Club is presenting a play which gives scope for good dramatic fare. Plot, dialogue, and situations are away ahead of recent presentations by McGill casts, and call for a maturity of technique both in staging and portrayal that provide the Club with a fine opportunity to regain their high position in Montreal's theatre circles.

VEHICLE WELL-CHOSEN.

Perhaps the point of greatest interest to those who follow Players' Club activities is that in "The Shining Hour" a vehicle has been found more adaptable to student capabilities than some of the productions of former years. Light comedy has not always fared well at the hands of McGill players, but with a strong theme such as this year's choice, prospects are good for an evening of unusually satisfying entertainment.

Enthusiasm and new blood were the two most apparent features back stage last night. Presented with a tough proposition, the committees seem imbued with the success or naught spirit, and both in cast and personnel the Club has secured a good crop of keen workers who already appear to be taking advantage of the training of the old timers with previous experience.

The Players' Club has a tradition for each year's membership to carry on, and none know this better than the large group of supporters, many of whom will return to Moyses Hall this week expecting to see a high standard maintained. It is that knowledge which is spurring on Producer Mislav and his staff to rise above the amateurish attitude so often evident in dramatic organizations, and to present a finished performance which will rank with the glories of past years, such as "The Road to Rome," "He Who Gets Slapped" and "Autumn Crocus." Interest in "The Shining Hour" is evident on all sides, untiring effort has been expended by experienced Director, Production and Business Committees, and cast. All in all, those with the theatre in their blood expect great things—"On with the show!"

Directed by Edwyn Wayne, the Players' Club presents the following cast:
Mariella Julia Hackett
Judy Dorothy Bennett
David Stephen Macnutt
Hannah Barbara Whitley
Henry Rupert Murrill
Mickey George Clarke

PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The fifth sessional meeting of the Society will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 10th, 1937, in the Main Lecture Theatre of the Macdonald Physics Laboratory.
Speaker: Dr. W. H. Watson.
Subject: The Conduction of Electricity in Metals.
All interested are invited to attend.

WORLD NEWS FROM A TELEGRAPH KEY

FAR EAST	CANADIAN	LOCAL	UNITED STATES
<p>SHANGHAI—Rumors spread today of truce negotiations between China and Japan to save Nanking as Japanese gathered strength under the capital's ancient walls. Both Chinese and Japanese reports indicated the battle to decide the fate of China's evacuated capital already had begun. The Japanese, now drawn up before Nanking, have not as yet launched an unreserved attack on the city. Some sources believe the delay to be an invitation to the Chinese to sue for peace.</p> <p>It is believed by some that if General Chiang Kai-shek should depart from Nanking his followers might form a new Government and win Japanese recognition. Others believe that the delay is caused by the report of General Chiang's last-minute decision to use every available soldier in the defence of the city.</p> <p>Japanese military authorities have warned all foreign and Chinese noncombatants to evacuate Nanking as quickly as possible, because of the approaching attack.</p>	<p>OTTAWA—Trade Minister W. D. Euler announced the Canadian Wheat Board had disposed of 200,000 bushels in two years. Rising wheat prices in 1935, 1936 and 1937 relieved the board of the obligation of buying wheat at the guaranteed price of 87½ cents a bushel.</p> <p>The old Conservative Government was said to have held 200,000 bushels, whereas Mr. Euler said he believed that the new possesses only 7,000,000 bushels.</p> <p>United States grain shippers today looked to the contemplated Anglo-American trade treaty to bring back to the Port of New York its former thriving commerce in Canadian grain.</p> <p>At the Imperial Conference in Ottawa, Canadian grain was guaranteed a preference on the United Kingdom market of two shillings a quarter (about six cents a bushel) over non-Empire grain.</p> <p>Small test shipments to the United Kingdom went through New York recently, almost the first Dominion grain to move by this route since 1931.</p>	<p>WINDSOR, Ont.—The day will come when there will be in Canada a government with courage to effect unification of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways, Sir Edward Beatty, C.P.R. president, said in a luncheon address at the Windsor Chamber of Commerce today.</p> <p>Sir Edward said that the transportation issue will become so grave that unification will be inevitable. He urged speed, saying that it will be easier to solve railway difficulties in 1938 than 10 or 20 years later.</p> <p>Transportation costs in Canada can be made much cheaper, he said, when the people realize their tax bill of \$700,000,000 annually is largely accounted for by subsidies for duplicate railway services.</p> <p>Sir Edward stated that "all the Canadian Pacific would stand to gain by this unification of the two railways would be the privilege of participating with the Government in a programme for reducing expenditures."</p>	<p>LONDON.—A British survey of world aircraft today noted an "enormous" increase in the size and efficiency of the United States air force to "one of the biggest and possibly the most efficiently armed" in the world.</p> <p>"German fighting planes are credited with being equal in power and performance to British and American craft but not in numbers," declared C. G. Grey, writer of the preface to the 1937 edition of Jane's "All The World's Aircraft." Asserting that all countries were building light bombers of tremendous speeds, Grey told how fast American and German air-liners had produced "a complete turn-around" from heavy bombers.</p> <p>Other points made in the survey were that France has fallen behind the other powers in technical advances and that indiscriminate bombing of cities to break the morale often results in stirring up unexpected national spirit.</p>

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International Intercollegiate Hockey

Next Saturday the first game in the International Intercollegiate Hockey will be played between University of Montreal and McGill. This is the opening game of what promises to be one of the most outstanding hockey loops McGill has played in for many years. In all there will be five games in Montreal against U. of M., Princeton, Yale, Queen's and Toronto. It is recognized that this hockey league is the greatest Intercollegiate League in the world—it represents the cream of American College Hockey teams.

Seats for these games have recently gone on sale at the Athletic Office and it is hoped that the attendance of graduates and their friends at these hockey games will become as popular as is attendance at the football games. In order to make this possible the Athletic Office is holding a number of reserved seats for graduates and those interested. These seats are in the choicest section of the Forum and may be had at a reduction by the holders of coupons.

It is expected that these games will offer a chance to graduates to hold reunions either after the afternoon games or before the evening games.

This league which was formed last year is really going to be a drawing card—it is real intercollegiate competition and is not only worthy of support—but anybody missing these games will be missing worthwhile hockey.

Professor du Roure Again Heads School

Yesterday it was announced that Professor Rene du Roure would again head McGill's French Summer School. This appointment will be heartily greeted by the many students who attended the McGill Summer School in past years. Professor du Roure has had long experience in directing McGill's Summer School which attracts many students from all over America.

Another interesting announcement concerning the school is that it will be held in Douglas Hall instead of in the Royal Victoria College as in the past. We heartily endorse this move and feel that it is in the best interests of the School.

Members of the staff, in addition to Professor du Roure, will be Professor Andre Celier, of Adelphi College, Garden City, N.Y.; Mrs. Andre Celier, of Lincoln College, Columbia University, New York; Mrs. Lucy Touren-Furness, of McGill; Professor Marthe Sturm, of Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Dr. Eugene Joliat, of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and Mrs. Joliat; Miss W. Juge, of Trafalgar School, Montreal; Miss Y. Juge, of Elmwood School, Ottawa; Professor Victor Barbeau, of the University of Montreal; Dr. W. A. G. McAndrew, of McGill; Mrs. Paul Lariviere, Miss Idola St. Jean and Miss E. Lamotte.

We feel that any McGill student contemplating the serious study of French during the summer would be well advised to look into the possibility of attending the Summer School. It is unique in many ways and offers an opportunity second to none to learn French in a French milieu, and we also feel that now that Professor

du Roure is again in charge of this important McGill activity the School will be able to serve the best interests of those attending it as it has so often in the past.

Weekly Review

EXCUSE PLEASE.

NOW that Japan has apologized for the bombing of British ships the Far Eastern crisis is practically ended. What does it matter if Japan continues the conquest of China or if she takes Australia and the other British possessions? What does it matter if she invades British Columbia and then India? The main thing is that she apologized. Of course the bombings were deliberate and carried out in order to celebrate the march on Nanking but she apologized. The British Government can congratulate itself on having passed through another crisis with its "prestige" unscathed.

IVAN VOTES.

THIS Sunday the peoples of the Soviet Republic will hold their first general election since the inauguration of the Bolshevik regime. This will, of course, influence the seat of power in Russia in no way, but the fact remains that the people by a secret ballot will elect a parliament. Though this does not resemble democracy as we know it, the Russian peoples are being persuaded that they are under a democracy and that the democratic form of government is best. This, perhaps, begins the gradual conversion of the Russian state from a dictatorship to a social democracy. We must all admit that a dictatorship was necessary in Russia for the last two decades but if it now evolves to a democracy everything will be fine in the Land Of Vanished Beards.

COLONIES OR WAR.

REPORTS indicate that Chubby von Neurath, one of Hitler's diplomats, has informed Britain and France, that Germany wants her colonies for nothing or she will fight for them. While this, in itself, can be passed over as the ravings of another Nazi orator the statement by Schacht that the colony question may lead to war seems to make the situation somewhat serious. But there is really nothing to worry about. The Nazi bark is worse than its bite. Herr Hitler knows that a war now means suicide. Of course, it's no use crying over spilt milk, but the German colonies should have been given back to her during the democratic period. Germany would still be a democracy.

LABOR RIFT PERSISTS.

ALL hopes of a C.I.O.-A.F. of L. reconciliation have vanished now that the Lewis-Green conference has broken up. This was expected as the differences between the groups are fundamental but some hope was held by Labour that the two groups would somehow reach a truce or divide up the field of Labour organization. The power is just about evenly balanced now, but it is probable that with the improvement of methods of production, industrial unionization will dominate in the future. Lewis's group is the most active politically and in future elections it will probably exert important influence.

If the Democratic party splits up before the next election it is probable that the more radical element will team up with the C.I.O. to form the nucleus of a Farmer-Labor party.

SUB-HEADS.

THE surprise Christmas visit of the Lindberghs to the United States has all the star reporters of the syndicate scurrying around busily and trying to formulate theories for Lone Eagle's trip. There should be a law against photographers and newspaper reporters bothering people too much. . . . The British army shake-up is an excellent move. The staff was due for a dusting.

The following editorial from the Edmonton Journal treats this reorganization subject very well:

"The suggestion of invincibility contained in the epigram that 'Britain loses all the battles but the last' may have a close connection with the criticism frequently made of the British high command in peace time—that the generals are 'thoroughly prepared to fight the last war.'"

However, the apparent inability of army organization and tactics to move forward rapidly in peace years is not so surprising when it is remembered that it is only in war that new theories and practices can be tested thoroughly. Mechanization was only really beginning when the great war ended in 1918. There has been much fighting in various parts of the world since then, but little opportunity to develop new methods through a system of trial and error on a large scale. Even in Spain, while modern armaments can be seen on both sides, competent observers have noted there are very few samples of each and the war, except in the actual moments of a major assault, would be regarded by any veteran of the western front as a "picnic."

This means that if an army is to be made ready in peace time to take full advantage of the latest available devices, it must be led and directed by men of imagination as well as experience.

The sensational reorganization of the Imperial General Staff and the army council, which appears to have been forced through by Britain's youthful and energetic war minister, is evidence that under Hore-Belisha the British army is to make full use of such men. The army is to be prepared as thoroughly as possible for the next war—not the last.

The selection of Major-General Viscount Gort—winner of the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Service Order with two bars and the Military Cross—as chief of the Imperial General Staff should assure Britain's land forces of splendid leadership.

The story of Gort's winning of the Victoria Cross is an inspiring one. At that time, September 27, 1918, he was commanding the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards, and

peer to win the coveted honour during the war. Gort's battalion was leading the 3rd Guards Brigade in an attack across the Canal du Nord, to the right of the Canadian Corps, which also crossed the canal that morning.

Gort was wounded almost before the attack started, but continued to lead his battalion. When his men were held up, he directed a flank attack by one company and then proceeded across open ground in the face of heavy machine gun fire to get the aid of a tank. This powerful ally he led personally and directed its attack to the greatest advantage. While thus engaged, he was severely wounded by shell-fire. He suffered heavy loss of blood and was forced to lie on a stretcher, but insisted on getting up a little later and personally directing a further attack. Not until his battalion had reached its final objective and he had supervised defensive preparations did he collapse and was carried off the field."

MUSIC

THE MIKADO.

EXCELLENT direction, good chorus work and several clever characterizations combined to make the Y.M.H.A.-Y.W.H.A. Operatic Society's performance of *The Mikado* most entertaining. Sullivan's spirited tunes and Gilbert's brilliant satire are among those things that just cannot be heard too often, and *The Mikado*, perhaps more than any of the other products of this great collaboration, seems forever fresh.

The performance by this newly-formed society was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norris, who have given us so many excellent productions during the past several seasons. The chorus sang well, and most of the principal roles were in capable hands. Mrs. Sylvia Bernstein was in excellent voice as Yum-Yum, and Mrs. Joseph Frank lent a fine contralto voice and stage presence to the role of the ominous Katisha. Harry Bieber took many liberties with the role of Ko-Ko, but his impromptu antics were genuinely amusing. Sidney Flanders as the portly Pooh-Bah, Henry Bloom as the Mikado and Carl Pomerlan as the amorous Nanki-Poo were received with much well-merited applause.

The settings and costumes were colorfully carried out and the lighting was consistently good. This, the society's first production, was in every way successful.

—R.D.R.

Varsity Comment

RAPID READING TESTS SHOW UP COLLEGIATES AT STANFORD COLLEGE.

College students can't read as rapidly nor as comprehensively as seniors in high school, but scientific study has found an easy way for them to learn, according to Dr. Gilbert Wrenn of the University of Minnesota's general college.

Six years ago Dr. Wrenn started his experiments at Stanford by introducing a course in rapid reading. Studies showed that one-fifth of the Stanford freshmen needed this course, and as the students progressed in college, the percentage of students who could not read rapidly and comprehensively increased.

This year the general college has introduced a series of reading tests to discover the reading interests of students, their ability to comprehend what they read and their vocabulary.

Dr. Wrenn works with the students on their homework or other study material instead of merely lecturing at them on "how to study." Each student must begin reading the sub-headings in the chapter before he can start to study the chapter itself.

"In this way," he said, "the student can anticipate the meaning of the chapter. He will be able to understand more about what he is reading than if he just ignored the sub-headings."

—Daily Cardinal.

BROWN SECTION.

Because a Brown University freshman knew Hungarian, and was thrifty, the United States navy intelligence bureau got a severe case of jitters.

The student sent a telegram, in Hungarian, about the Brown-Yale football game to a friend. (It cost 32 cents less than in English.) The only English words in the message were "Brown section"—indicating the section of the stadium in which he wanted his friend to buy the tickets.

Recently there has been a spy scare at the New London submarine base where a new torpedo chamber has been invented by a Mr. Brown—and designated "Brown section." Hence the jitters of the navy intelligence bureau.

It seemed that words like "tizenketto-tizenegykor" made the bureau wonder. But when they read further into the telegram and came across "Brown section," they sent an agent to call on the friend.

Was he, perhaps, in the secret employ of some foreign power? The friend protested his innocence and to prove it, translated the message.

—Daily Cardinal.

STUDENT HOLDS ONE-MAN STRIKE.

With a placard reading "Don't Be Unfair to Modern Art," a sensitive University student recently started a one-man picketing of Glenn Dale Sanitarium, whose WPA murals have been under fire recently by a doctor at the Institution, but it lasted for only 15 minutes because he felt "like a fool."

The student, who doesn't want to be known, describing himself simply as a "former student in the Fine Arts School here and a member of the Modern Art Club of the University," soon discovered that a "fervent" desire to do right by modern art was completely outweighed by his anti-exhibition complex.

"The way people looked at me, I thought the sign should read 'Don't Be Unfair to Pickets,'" he said.

Sensitive Soul.

—Hatchet.

Overtones

By DIAL TWISTER

WHAT'S the difference between an apple and a peach? If you want to know the answer listen tomorrow night at midnight to the "Cavalcade of Melody" over the CBS networks; The Larry Stry Orchestra will play the Big Apple and the latest dance craze—the Little Peach!

Deems Taylor, the versatile commentator on the New York Philharmonic Programmes, and a composer in his own right, once wrote about radio in 1922 saying that "The whole business would blow up in about three years." Now he is one of the most-heard men on the air. His one-time utterance came to light when his new book "Of Men and Music" was published recently. It contains the best of his first season's talks on the air. In one place he actually quarrels with his audience for "the extravagant estimate many people have of the knowledge, wisdom, and powers of a radio commentator."

A signal honour has just been announced for a Canadian musician. Sir Ernest MacMillan has been appointed as conductor with the Ford Symphony Orchestra for a month, beginning February 27th, 1938. Sir Ernest, who is a native Canadian, is conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He has been guest conductor with many of the famous orchestras in Canada and the United States, as well as in Great Britain. Lately Sir Ernest has conducted the Concerts Symphoniques in Montreal.

The Symphony Concert, with Erno Rapee conducting, will feature the voices of Richard Tauber, tenor; Alexander Kipnis, basso, and Maria Krasova, contralto, on Sunday, December 12th. The programme will be heard over the NBC Blue network at 8.00 p.m. Richard Tauber needs no introduction. Alexander Kipnis was pronounced "the greatest low voice of our times," and Maria Krasova was called "a contralto of unusual range." This will mark Miss Krasova's first American appearance since her arrival from her native Czechoslovakia. Both latter artists are members of the Wagnerian Festival Singers.

"When an irresistible force meets an immovable object . . ." is one of the enigmas of science which Charlie McCarthy will attempt to solve when he and Mae West (irresistible force?) meet on the variety programme of Sunday, December 12th at 8.00 p.m. over CFCF. Mae West rarely is heard on radio programmes, which in itself should make this programme interesting. Coupled with the fact that she's due to meet America's No. 1 Bad Boy . . . Oh, Boy!

The Metropolitan Opera Broadcasts have started again last Saturday with the performance of "Manon." The time is 1.55 p.m. on Saturdays. The station is CFCF.

Correspondence

Editor, McGill Daily.

Dear Sir,—May I extend my sincere thanks through the medium of your columns to the student who kindly returned my Waterman Fountain Pen to the Medical Building yesterday.

H. BAUGH.

The Editor, McGill Daily.

Dear Sir—I am writing this letter regarding the letter that was published in yesterday's Daily concerning the debate between Law and Engineering.

May I state that I have seen some cheap and bourgeois letters at one time or another, but the one that appeared yesterday was the worst. If the people that wrote and signed their names to that haven't any better taste to beef about a decision as they did, then I think they should not say anything.

The letter showed exactly what kind of poor sports they are, and they chose a very poor and cheap way of showing their disagreement with the judges' decision. If people should continue to show disapproval to decisions in such a manner, I cannot see the point in continuing to hold any sort of competition, academic or otherwise.

S. H. DUNN.

The Editor, McGill Daily.

Dear Sir,—Whenever matters are stirred the least bit all sorts of things are brought to the surface. Some are nice but some are not so gentle. (Would we now be referring to the recent Law-Engineering debate?) Sir, why did the entire campus have to learn through the medium of your columns that a certain group of Arts-L students just CANT

TAKE IT. (May God forgive but not forget the only R.V.C.ite involved in the affair.)

If one does not brag too much and cry victory before the battle is won perhaps one will not be so blind and childishly disappointed when presumed victory is changed into defeat. We beg the grievous souls to come to the Engineering Building where they might find comfort but dear sir, don't let them weep all over the campus for fear they might still influence (or insult) the honourable judges.

Yours truly,

PIERRE DUCHASTEL.

Dear John H.:

This is to certify that we, the women of McGill, feel that it is our duty to inform the men how good (?) we are. This we will prove by taking over the Daily for one night in January.

We wanted to inform you now so that the shock would not be too sudden, and so that you could meditate during the Christmas vacation. What with the Artsmen, the Engineers, etc., etc., what about R.V.C., which is, after all, obviously the most important faculty on the campus?

Yours with figure,
RHODA HENDERSON,
MARNA HARDING,
PATRICIA ARMSTRONG.

NAVAL ACADEMY SLANG

Jimmys—A yard watchman.
Juice—Electrical engineering.
Knock off—Stop what you are doing.
Man overboard—Your spoon is in your cup.

Mokey—Colored corridor boy or mess attendant.
Monkey jacket—Full dress blouse.
Monthly insult—Small portion of monthly pay on which a Mid'n can lay hands.

Mustang—Commissioned officer who rose from the ranks.
Misery Hall—Place where damaged athletes get fixed.

Number jumper—Cut-throat who writes 5 minutes after the word to knock off.

O.A.O.—The one and only femme first in one's eyes.
Pap—Daily conduct report, published and posted.

Pin pushers—The fencing team.
Pogey bait—Candy.
Pollywog—One who has not crossed the line (latitude).

Port—Window.
Radiator Club—The non-athletes, those whose recreation is lying.

Ratey—One who uses the rates of others.
Red-Eye—The great disguise, ketchup.

Red-Mike—A dyed in the wool misogynist.
R.H.I.P.—Rank Hath Its Privileges.
River—Exam.

Robbers' Row—Merchants coveting a midshipman's scanty stipend.
Sack—Official responsibility, as in snipe hunting.

Sandblower—A member of the 4th Platoon, a shorty.
Sat—Passing.
Scuffer—Inordinately rapid eater.

Scuttlebutt—A drinking fountain.
Rumour of doubtful origin.
Sea-gull—Various types of bird served in messhall as "chicken."

Secure—Knock off work.
Shiverin' Liz—Jello. In a snow-storm with whipped cream.

Skinny—Chemistry and physics.
Shellback—Opposite of pollywog.
Skivvies—Underclothes.

Slipslick—Slide rule, guess rod.
Slum—Messcook's holiday, stew or its equivalent.

Snake—Opposite of Red-Mike.
Spanish athlete—Member of the Radiator Club.

Spoon—Upperclassman who drops all intimations of seniority with the lower classmen. Originates with a handshake.

Spoon on—Shake hands. Also to approve of anything.
Steam—Marine engineering.

Step out—Bear a hand.
Suicide squad—Water polo team.
Swab—Zero.

Tea fight—Annapolis tea dance.

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Wife—Roommate.
Yard engine—A girl who lives in the yard.
Zip—Zero.

CARLTON DAVIES.

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10-11 Caroline McMurtry.
11-12 Marna Harding.
12-1 Bunty Cronyn.
1-2 Nancy Murray.
2-3 Kitty Haverrford.
3-4 Katherine Aikins.
4-5 Margaret London.

FRIDAY.

9-10 Bunty Cronyn.
10-11 Katherine Macdonald.
11-12 Ruth Oliver.
12-1 Margaret London.
1-2 Nancy Murray.
2-3 Audrey Goodwin.
3-4 Margaret London.
4-5 Katherine Aikins.

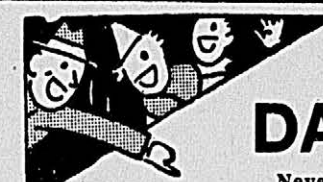
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12-1 Alison Lyster.
1-2 Peter Charlton.

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CONTINGENT ORDERS, Part I, Nos. 51-54

By: Lt.-Col. T. S. Morrissey, D.S.O., Officer Commanding

MONTREAL, TUESDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1937

51. DUTIES:
Orderly Officer for the week commencing 5th December, 1937—
2/Lt. F. Morran.
Next for duty—2/Lt. R. E. London.
Orderly Sergeant for the week commencing 5th December, 1937—
—Corpl. J. B. Porteous.
Next for duty—L/Cpl. J. Domville.

52. PARADES:
The Contingent, less Certificate candidates, will parade at the
Canadian Grenadier Guards' Armoury, Esplanade Ave., at 2.00
hrs. on Tuesday, 14th December, for training as per Syllabus.
DRESS: Drill Order. Officers will NOT wear swords.

53. RECRUITING:
Recruits will be attested in the Orderly Room on Tuesday and
Thursday evenings from 2.00 hrs. to 2.20 hrs. (8 to 10 p.m.).

54. CERTIFICATE CLASS:
Certificate candidates will meet for lectures at 3480 University
Street on the following dates:
"B" Certificate: Tuesday, 14th December, at 2.00 hrs.
Thursday, 16th December, at 1930 hrs.
"A" Certificate: Tuesday, 14th December, at 2.00 hrs.
Thursday, 16th December, at 1930 hrs.
G. A. GRIMSON,
Major and Adjutant.

NOTICE:
McGill C.O.T.C. will hold a Mess Dinner for members and ex-
members of the Corps on Friday, 10th December, 1937, in the
McGill Union, at 7.30 p.m.
Over 100 ex-members of the Corps have signified their intention
of being present, and the active cadets are invited to attend,
free of charge.
It is hoped that as many cadets as possible will avail themselves
of this opportunity to meet the ex-members of the Corps, many
of whom were active before and during the Great War. If this
reunion proves successful it will probably become an annual
custom.

McGill Ski Club To Hold Annual Meeting In Union Ballroom Today

BADGES WILL BE SOLD

Captain Bob Townsend Will Address Meeting at 5.15 p.m.

SKI SEASON OUTLINED

MCGILL'S SKI CLUB holds its annual pre-season meeting this afternoon at 5.15 sharp in the Ball Room of the Union. All skiing enthusiasts are invited to attend, the Executive of the club has stated. Badges will be on sale from 4.30 onward and are the only requirements for membership. The charge is only \$5.00.

Bob Townsend, captain-president, will preside over the meeting and will present his report which is expected to outline the past history and the events in which the club will enter teams. Coach Bill Ball and Harry Pangham will be on hand to explain the style and technique which will be followed this year. The introduction of the European technique last season met with great success and will no doubt be continued this year.

Manager Don Tirrell will present the budget of the Club for the year and will explain, for the benefit of newcomers primarily, the purposes and uses of the McGill Ski Cabin at St. Sauveur, which was presented by the Red Birds, the Graduate club, last year.

The prospects of two ski teams this year has stirred up considerable enthusiasm, and, with beginners' meets and interfaculty meets also planned, is making membership in the club a thing of demand. The possession of a badge gives the right to enter these meets and all those under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.

SPORTS NOTICES

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL.
All men must have been medically examined before playing Interclass Basketball. Examination hours daily from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., except Saturday.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PICTURE
All those wishing to buy a team picture will please see Mr. Gentleman, who has the proof and the price list.

BASKETBALL.
Basketball practices for this week will be as follows: Senior, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5 p.m. Intermediate, Wednesday at 6, Thursday 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL PLAY-OFF.
Championship softball game will take place on Friday, December 10, at 6 p.m. in the Boys' Gym in M.H.S. between Theology and Engineering.

INTERCLASS HOCKEY.
Will all class and faculty sports managers who wish to enter teams in the Interclass, Interfaculty hockey leagues get in touch with Bill Boggs, M.A. 3642 or Horace Graves, P.L. 1649. If there is ice, it may be possible to play some games before the holidays, so get in touch with one of these men as soon as possible.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL.
4.45 tomorrow: Practice game against Montreal High School at their Gym.
Saturday 7.15: Practice game against Dominion-Douglas at M.H.S. Gym.

GYM PRACTICE.
Gym workouts are being held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 o'clock in the Montreal High Gym. Every one is welcome to attend these workouts.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET.
Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Football Banquet which will take place in the Union December 15th. Will all Senior, Intermediate, and Freshmen players please purchase tickets as soon as possible from any of the following—Jim Stanley, Cam MacArthur, Bun Rahilly, Ayton Keyes, Bob Rainsford. The price is \$1.00.

So Near! But Yet So Far

By HORKY

VERDUN defied C.A.H.A. authorities by playing Willson last evening. The Verdun centre had been declared ineligible due to the residence rule, but the Q.A.H.A. more or less authorized his appearance, which means that Allen will line up on the Royals defence. It looks as if the C.A.H.A. and the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association have come to the parting of the ways. What McGill's status is, we hesitate to say.

Well! it's a sad story. Maybe, if I had kept my mouth shut we might have won. With seven minutes to go yours truly turned to his colleague, and said "Well, Art, we get a sweep at last." McGill were then leading 4-2. The final score was 7-4. There "ain't" no justice.

A band of weary forwards trudged to the McGill dressing room with bowed heads, completely in. Coach Farquharson was using only two forward lines against Verdun's three, two defencemen against the Leafs' four. Four of the thirteen players wearing Red colours failed to see action.

Cammy Dickson played the entire game on defence, while Dunn was relieved only in the dying minutes of the struggle, after Verdun had taken the lead. A third McGill forward line would have come in handily, if only to watch their men for a couple of minutes a period, and give the other lines a much needed rest.

This Verdun squad deserves plenty of credit, however. Outplayed for the greater part of the game by the flashy McGill forwards, who back-checked consistently, the Leafs suddenly came to life, and the tired Redmen wilted under the power attacks of the winners.

Paul Pidcock turned in a stellar game for the Redmen, garnering himself two goals, while his linemates, O'Connell and Crutchfield also gave a good account of themselves. In fact the entire team left nothing to be desired, so they spun around the Leafs and kept them completely bewildered. Several times Verdun were unable to get the puck out from behind their own blue-line. Everything looked so rosy for an initial McGill victory.

The veteran McCormack turned in a jittery game for the winners, letting in a couple of easy shots, and then rising to supreme heights on more difficult ones. Walker drifted in a long one from the blue-line which the goaler fanned on, and later Pidcock "shoveled" a bouncer that also rolled in. Before this, however, McCormack robbed Pidcock of a sure counter, when Paul had taken a pass from Crutchfield, and race close in, only to have the goaler make a sensational stop.

So quickly did the tide of the struggle turn, that Tennant was in a state of bewilderment. Dave had nearly as many shots at him in the last seven minutes as he had throughout the entire game. The McGill captain gave his team a breathing spell after the tying goal, when he decided to take off his pads, and readjust them properly, amidst many cat-calls and jeers from the crowd.

Probably a new Senior group record was set for this season in that only two penalties were called throughout the entire struggle, one to each team. The game was more than half over before Dunn drew the first rest for sprawling Summerhill. Arcand drew the other for holding in the third. We are not saying whether there should



Paul Pidcock

BASKETBALL TEAM PREPARES FOR TRIP TO U.S.A. COLLEGES

Play Games Against University of Vermont at Burlington, and Middlebury College

THE McGill senior basketballers held another practice last night in preparation for their trip into the State of Vermont this week-end. They will leave the city Friday noon, and will stop off at Burlington that night for a game with the University of Vermont. On Saturday night they will be the guests of the Middlebury College quintet.

These games will only be exhibition affairs in preparation for the Intercollegiate League battles after Christmas. So far, they have won two games by wide margins, and lost to Y.M.H.A. by a two-point margin last Saturday. The players are hoping to return with a victory or two to act as a pick-me-up after that upset.

Coach Van Wagner has been drilling the team steadily and all the players are in fine shape, and ready for concentrated action on any front. Shipley and Wykes, the two high-scoring forwards, will be the spark plugs on the attack.

Ten players will make the trip, accompanied by the coach and manager. Of this lot, only Wykes and Mislav live in Montreal, but all are looking forward to the jaunt. In the past, the American colleges have presented strong lineups, and this year will probably be no exception. However, win, lose or draw, the Red and White standard-bearers are assured of two good games, and a swell reception in both places.

SAWBONES WIN 35-9 OVER PLUMBERS

Med. III Defeats Eng. II in Interclass Game—Argo and Elgosin Star

MEDICINE III took the measure of their opponents, Engineering II, when they defeated them by the score of 35-9, in a scheduled Interclass game yesterday afternoon. The Sawbones paced by the sharpshooting of Argo and Elgosin, proved themselves prepared to take over where the Med III class of last year left off—as champions of the league. They won a smart victory from a hard fighting team of Engineering II. Graham and Grant played strong games for the defeated Plumbers.

The lineups for yesterday's game were as follows:
Medicine III (35)—Argo (8), Straub (4), Schuster (8), Elgosin (10), Asgerman (4), Rampoldi (2), Rieker.

Engineering II (9)—Benson, Graham, Duf (2), Grant (7), French, Burrows.

The rest of this week's schedule follows:
Today—Girls' Gym, 6.00 p.m.—Comm. III vs. Med. I.

Friday, December 10.
Girls' Gym, 5.10 p.m.—Dent. I vs. Arch.

Girls' Gym, 6.00 p.m.—Eng. IV vs. Eng. I.
Boys' Gym, 5.10 p.m.—Arts II vs. Med. II.

have been more, but by the boos of the crowd we judge that the referees were a little lax, especially in calling Verdun holding and hooking infringements.

A late report has just come in to the fact that there is going to be a special attraction between periods of the McGill-U. of Montreal Intercollegiate opener this Saturday. Gymnasts from the Central Y will put on various acts, such as have taken place at football games. A request will also be sent out for various men's societies on the Campus to attend the game in a body.

Numerous McGill supporters were scattered throughout the slim 4,000 crowd, and strange as it may seem when McGill were in the lead the crowd were predominantly for the other team, then when Verdun opened up, they switched over for some unknown reason.



Gordie Crutchfield

RED POLOISTS DRAW M.A.A.A. IN FAST GAME

Senior Water Polo Team Ties With M.A.A.A. by 8-8 Score

BOURNE HIGH SCORER

All Is Set for McGill's Defence of Its Collegiate Crown This Week-end

By C.G.
HOLDING the M.A.A.A. to a tie of 8-8, the McGill senior water poloists wound up their preparatory schedule in this final workout before tilling with the Intercollegiate teams, when they will defend their crown. Although the game was a friendly tilt, both teams showed plenty of spirit, for as soon as the M.A.A.A. shot ahead with three counters McGill evened the score by tallying thrice. Bourne was the heavy scorer for McGill, getting half of the final count. Their showing last night was certainly a good indication that the other college teams will have to be on their toes to keep up the fast pace set by the Red team.

JUNIORS WIN
The juniors covered themselves with glory last night by defeating the M.S.C. 1-0 in the last game of the season which leaves them tied for third place. The game, played at Columbus pool was a low-scoring affair with Soper getting the only counter.

The lineups were as follows:
SENIOR
McGill: P. Bourne, Royer, Lindsay, Rabinovitch, Scotcher, Shragovitch, MacGuire, Crabtree and Shapiro.

M.A.A.A.: Dunn, Anstice, Morwood, Windsor, Young, Castell, Ritchie, Buckingham, Etienne, M. Bourne and Quinn.

JUNIOR
McGill: Jardine, Kelen, O'Neill, Markham, Barza, Gold, and Soper. M.S.C.: Burton, Hamilton, Turner, Pottage, Charon, Lupin, and Chaplin.

FENCING.
Poils and Gloves are now obtainable at the Athletic Office. Refunds will also be paid off.

JUNIOR HOCKEY.
There will be a Junior Hockey Practice on Thursday at one o'clock for the following players ONLY: Owen, Jacobson, McFarlane, McMartin, Holliday, Ross, Winsor, Burrows, Cuke, Dellis, Soper, and Short. There is a game against Verdun Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. All birth certificates to be handed in immediately.

I.V.C.F. MISSIONARY BREAKFAST

"The World War was unheard of when we first went to our station ten years ago." In this way Rev. V. E. Veary told of his experiences in learning an unknown language. He spoke at the Missionary Breakfast yesterday morning, which was under the auspices of the McGill I.V.C.F.

Rev. Veary spoke of the difficulties of learning one of the native languages of French Equatorial Africa. He used the "What is that?" method until he was able to master the trade idiom and then through that the native tongue. The individuals who were instrumental in teaching him these languages were Providentially led to make themselves known. The first man to aid him was a native soldier who came to the missionary for help, and the lad who taught him the village dialect had run away from home, only to find that the stories of the outside world were not as they were pictured. "The world calls these occurrences chance," said the speaker in conclusion, "but we call them Providence."

Penny Bank Deposits Up
Smiths Falls, December 8.—An increase over figures of last year is shown in deposits by local school children in the Penny Bank, according to the latest report. Total deposits at October 31, 1937, were \$4,568.25, while at October 31, 1936, local pupils had only \$4,302.27 on deposit. Aberdeen School, with 56 per cent. of pupils depositing weekly, led all local public schools. Johnston, Central and Elgin schools followed in that order.

From Under the Showers...

By JOHNNY EDWARDS

FOOTBALL (cont.).
Episode No. 1—Argos bash roughing Riders for big Four title.
Episode No. 2—Double Blue squosh Sarnia to cop Eastern.
Episode No. 3—? ? ? ? ?

UP here in Toronto there was a mighty meeting of two outstanding football teams on Saturday, and the resulting struggle was a resounding one...the Double Blue troops squired by Toupe Hayman came from the muck and mud of Maple Leaf Ball Park the week previous to take the roughing Riders in their stride and then spent the week prepping for the invasion of the highly-touted Sarnians...and rightly so touted, for the Massucci men were surely one of the best teams that this writer has seen in many a Fall Frenzy. Yet they were not the team that took the Big Four winners last Fall, but a mammoth outfit that couldn't steamroll their way past the fighting Riders...too many Wadesworths, Hermans and Spragues had primed the Argos for Beach and Stirling, so the final whistle caught the Three Stars back among the rest of the pack for the right to meet the travelling Peggers.

DESPITE a young snowstorm that came on during the first quarter of the game, and the rain that had fallen all morning, both teams put on a display of ball-handling and razzle-dazzle that left the cheering 16,000 gasping...end runs were sensational, forwards the acme of perfection, and punting sky high. In the first session, the Double Blue clicked on the one time they got really near the Sarnia goal, when Tedder Morris poked himself thru the Parson-Clawson line, thru the starting secondary like a shot out of —, and went on to be downed after a thrilling 40 yards by the safety man... On the next play, the famed Sculler end run whooshed around the right flank for 37 yards and a touchdown, Morris to Isbister to West...yippee. In the same stanza the Sarnians roused themselves with a smashing attack that saw them plunge, pass and barge their way right to the Argo goal line...but alas, one pass too many and that one incomplete over the line, so Argos took the ball away from them and the game was still in the air.

STIRLING was not the Stirling that we had read about during all this time, for even with the wet sloshy ball, with which he is supposed to be fairly well at home, he was not even approaching the efforts of Varsity's Bob Isbister...the answer was that he was being rushed in tremendous fashion, and his snaps were not coming out like Barker's dime-hitting passes from 'tween-the-legs...in fact the Scullers rushed so hard and so often, that finally, they blocked one on the Bummer...The Argos were just about tripling the Tunnel-Townners on run-backs of punts too, tho' Hedge- wick was making dire tries to skirt the Double Blue ends downfield... West and Willie Stukus were showing the fans and the Peggers (in the stands) what it is like to catch or try to catch wrath-like dancers that flung cavoring hips like magic...two successive Argo smashes on cut-back plays through

SUPPORTERS REQUESTED BY R.V.C. BASKETEERS

THE chance of a lifetime awaits McGill students for a cheap trip to Macdonald this Saturday, where the R.V.C. basketballers will clash with the Macdonald first team in a regular league tilt.

A special bus has been chartered to transport the girls, and as there are a few extra places, supporters are wanted to accompany the team. The bus will leave R.V.C. at 1 p.m., and return in the afternoon, leaving St. Ann's at 5 o'clock. The cost is only fifty cents return, and persons interested in going are asked to leave their name with

the manager, Molly Coote, or leave a note in locker 222 in R.V.C. by Friday noon. It is stated that men will be especially welcome.

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Many Campus Personalities Present Themselves Lessons in New Dances

'Miss Mary Coussans' dance class had another enjoyable evening when a large crowd of aspiring male and female students congregated in Strathcona Hall last night. Continual music from the best orchestras was supplied by a phonograph.

This class is to be recommended for non-dancers. Inferiority complexes were seen slipping away by dozens as different people began to realize the fresh green vistas of conquerable hearts about them.

Many important people, not including the reporter and a prominent member of the Daily, were present, and threatened instant death if their names were mentioned; and it was pointed out that "a few blondes have turned out, but I could do with many more." Still, the finicky may rest assured that there are all sizes and assortments to choose from.

The next class takes place next Tuesday night, instead of Wednesday.

RED SENIORS FALTER LOSING CLOSE BATTLE

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and with a blazing, waist-high shot from the blue line that McCormick couldn't see.

DESROCHES COUNTS.

Desroches got one goal back for the Leafs at 11:25, teaming up with Conrad Bourcier and Arcand. Arcand passed out from the corner to the two uncovered men in front of the goal mouth, and Desroches made sure of the goal with a far-corner shot that was labelled. Verdun put on the pressure towards the end of the period, but was unable to dent the twine.

The second period brought the Red forwards to the limelight, as they kept on the attack continuously, missing many scoring opportunities. Dunn took the first penalty of the game at the half-way mark, when he accidentally tripped Gallagher, and Verdun tried hard to tie up the score, playing five men up. However, Dunn came back after two minutes, with no damage done, and the McGill team received rounds of applause for their efforts.

SUMMERHILL TIES SCORE.

Summerhill tied the game with 16 minutes gone, on a neat pass with Willson. The Westerner slipped past the defence, and after drawing Tennant out of his nets, planted the rubber behind him. But hardly had the announcer's voice faded from the public address system, when Pidcock took a pass from Ian Craig and sent a floater at the Verdun goaler, the puck landing at his feet and slipping into the corner. McCormick looked bad on that one.

Verdun put on the pressure as the last period began, and the pace became faster. Tennant robbed Med Martel of a sure goal when he skated in all alone, but lanky Dave flopped at the right time to avert a score. Ronnie Perowne threatened, and his efforts were finally rewarded when after a face-off beside the Verdun goal, he hit the goal-post, the puck rebounding behind the surprised McCormick.

LEAFS ATTACK

McGill held their own until half of the period had gone by, Dickson and Dunn checking well to hold the attacking Verdun team. With eight minutes to go, the Leafs found the range and after a scramble in front of the nets, Desroches took Gallagher's rebound to score through a maze of legs.

From then on, it was a goaler's nightmare, with the Leafs registering four more. Conrad Bourcier tied up the score a minute later, flipping in Tilcombe's rebound after Tennant had gone out to meet the latter. Ambois added another on a beautiful solo effort, coming through the defence to take a pass to Meronek, but fire a hard shot that gave Tennant no chance.

As McGill attacked with four men up and two minutes to go Summerhill, Willson and Bourcier, the Verdun "Red Light" line, broke away, and after Bourcier beat Dickson on the defence, passed easily to Summerhill in front of the nets as Tennant came out. Summerhill took plenty of time and with a deliberate shot, planted the rubber in the nets.

Conrad Bourcier scored the last point with ten seconds of play remaining, after taking a pass from Martel in a scramble at the McGill blue-line. His shot slid along the ice to pick off the corner of the goal.

The teams:

McGill: Verdun, Tennant, goal, McCormick, Dunn, defence, Desroches, Pidcock, Martel, Craig, Walker, Hibbard, Perowne, O'Brien.

C.O.T.C. To Stage First Annual Reunion

"CALL OUT The Clan" is what C.O.T.C. means when McGill's contribution to the Army hold their first annual Banquet on Friday evening at 7 p.m. To this get-together will come not only those now in the Contingent, but also the pre- and post-war members, a great many of whom have already made known their intention. Invitations are hereby extended to all these to come and participate in the discussion on European conditions from a military standpoint and in the airing of past fighting experiences.

Dickson, defence, Arcand, Crutchfield, centre, C. Bourcier, McConnell, l. wing, Desroches, Pidcock, r. wing, Martel, McGill sub: Palmer, Anton, Craig, Walker, Hibbard, Perowne, O'Brien.

Verdun sub: Gallagher, Edmonds, Meronek, Pellissier, Ambois, Willson, J. L. Bourcier, Summerhill. Referees: Daigneault and Mallinson.

SUMMARY.

First Period.

1—McGill, Pidcock (McConnell) 3:25

2—McGill, Walker (Perowne) 4:28

3—Verdun, Desroches (C. Bourcier, Arcand) 11:25

Penalties: none.

Second Period.

4—Verdun, Summerhill (Willson) 16:04

5—McGill, Pidcock (Craig) 16:16

Penalty: Dunn.

Third Period.

6—McGill, Perowne 3:02

7—Verdun, Desroches (Gallagher) 12:45

8—Verdun, C. Bourcier (Martel, Tilcombe) 13:27

9—Verdun, Ambois 14:45

10—Verdun, Summerhill (Bourcier, J. L. Willson) 18:59

11—Verdun, C. Bourcier (Gallagher, Martel) 19:49

Penalty: Arcand.

PLUMBERS HOLD FROLIC TONIGHT

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breaker in the annals of the faculty, according to a spokesman of the Society. To attain this end the men in charge of the refreshments have succeeded in preparing enough beer for the students, so that the Engineers yell may be put to the test.

So as to get an idea of the magnitude of the task which the Engineers have set themselves for tonight we quote the Engineering yell which claims that:

We are, we are, we are the Engineers.

We can, we can, we can drink FORTY BEERS.

Oh come, oh come, oh come and drink with us.

We don't give a damn for any old man

That don't give a damn for us!

QUESTIONNAIRE ON BOOK CO-OP

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tempt to bias the minds of the readers by editorials.

The next meeting of the Press Commission will be held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the Music Room of the McGill Union.

ARTSMEN HOLD XMAS INFORMAL

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motto is "never a dull moment at the Arts Informal".

One dollar and twenty-five cents is the price of the tickets, which went on sale yesterday, at the Union Tuckshop and from Bill Gentlemen. This includes a dance supper, to be served in the Grill. Santa Claus will make a special pre-season trip from the North Pole to bring a message of good cheer to the dancers, and decorations will be in red and green, befitting the season.

The Arts Undergraduate Informal is always held at this time, to give students a last chance to foregather before the holidays and to give them a good send-off for the winter vacation, and is held late enough to enable out-of-town students, who leave before the term ends, to have a last fling at college life before they strike the old home town.

S.C.M. CAROL SERVICE

The annual Candlelight Carol Service and Christmas "Open House" will take place this week-

end and will bring to a close the Sunday evening gatherings of the S.C.M. this year. The Carol Service will be held in Divinity Hall at 7.30 this Sunday evening. The singing will be led by a choir of McGill students with George Flower at the organ.

After the Carol Service "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens will be read at the Open House in Strathcona Hall. The reading will commence at 9.00 p.m. Ten students will take part in enacting this story. Maurice Hecht will be the "reader."

During the course of the reading refreshments will be served, and the evening will end with a "marshmallow toast" around the open fireplace. All those attending are requested to bring their own marshmallows, and other edibles.

NOTICES

Notices to be included in this column must be typewritten and left in the Daily office by seven o'clock on the night before they are to appear. The Daily cannot be responsible for Notices taken over the telephone. No classified advertising will be accepted—this may be included by calling the Advertising Manager at Lancaster 2244 who will be pleased to quote rates.

NEWMAN CLUB INFORMAL DANCE.

The Newman Club Informal originally scheduled for tonight has been postponed indefinitely because of conflict with the Engineering Banquet.

GRADUATING STUDENTS ATTENTION.

Those who have not yet chosen the proofs for their graduation picture will please do so before Saturday, December the eleventh, at Notman's on Drummond Street.

ANNUAL BOARD.

WESTERN STUDENTS. Will any McGill students from Western Canada who intend going home for Christmas please get in touch with Russ Merrifield at the McGill Union or Mervyn Reilly at MA. 2055. Arrangements are being made to reserve a special air-conditioned tourist sleeper for McGill Students leaving on Friday, December 17th.

RUSS MERRIFIELD.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The next meeting of the Philosophical Society will take place at Strathcona Hall on Wednesday, December 15, at 8:15 p.m. The topic of the evening will be "Socrates Re-visited: Was Socrates Justly Condemned?" After an introduction by Howard Rhys for the affirmative and Frank Morgan for the negative, the subject will be thrown open for general discussion.

GLEE CLUB.

The regular weekly meeting of the R.V.C. Glee Club will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Common Room of the R.V.C.

LOST.

A pair of glasses, in a green case stamped with the name "Barlow," probably somewhere near the Stadium Field-house. Please return the glasses to John Parker, Arts 2, FI. 0724, or leave them with Bill Gentlemen.

FOUND.

One well used Colin Graham. Still tripping over his tails. Found under a table in the Pic. Friends or relatives may claim same by phoning HA. 2663.

UNFAIR EXCHANGE.

Will the person who took the wrong pair of rubbers at the Daily Office last night please phone PL. 3783 and receive his own?

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

Montreal Centre. The second meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 1937, at 8:30 p.m. in the Macdonald Physics Laboratory, McGill University.

Speaker: Mr. R. Meldrum Stewart, Director, Dominion Observatory, Ottawa. Subject: International Co-operation in Astronomical Research.

SOCIETE FRANCAISE.

The second meeting of La Societe Francaise will be held today at four o'clock, in the R.V.C. Common Room. An amusing program of charades by various members of the four years has been planned for the entertainment of the society. Prizes are to be awarded for the best "productions." All interested are cordially invited to attend.

ARTS DEBATE.

There is to be a doubleheader Arts Undergraduate Debate in the Arts Building today at 5 p.m. The subject under discussion is "Resolved that the modern girl is a disappointment to men." The affirmative will be upheld by Peter Vaughan and Sid Barza, the negative, by A. Stalker and G. Greaves. The second topic is "Resolved that company manufactures certain com-

Xmas Dinners Await Eaters of 15 Meals

ROAST turkey, hot mince pie and plum pudding with the added treat of meeting Santa Claus in person are in store for all students who eat at least 15 meals in the Union Cafeteria before December 15. Although there are now only 11 days left in which to take advantage of this offer, the total may be attained by patronizing the Union for dinner as well as for lunch.

This Christmas dinner will be eaten by those possessing a 15-holed meal-ticket in the Union Cafeteria on Thursday, December 16.

first year Latin should be compulsory for a B.A. The affirmative will be upheld by John Denny and Cuthbert Gifford of third year, the negative by David Munn and R. A. Spencer of first year.

The judges will be W. Nowers Asbury of the Graduate Society and W. MacNaughton of Engineering I.

Revue

Robert Horwood please come down to the Union between 3 and 6 this afternoon.

SOCIETE FRANCAISE MEETING

Charades presented by the four Art's years will feature the second meeting of La Societe Francaise this afternoon at four o'clock in the Royal Victoria College Common Room. The charades have been organized and prepared by Helene L'Esperance, Ruth Payne, Aileen Childs, and Edythe Cox, representatives of the four years.

Prizes are to be awarded to the best actress in each charade by Mademoiselle Henri, who has brought some interesting prizes from France this summer. In addition, Freda Bindman will speak on the National Student Conference to take place at Winnipeg this Christmas.

All members of the Women's Union are welcome to attend this meeting, especially freshettes. French refreshments will be served consisting of "chocolat et croissants."

SHADOW FACTORIES REPORT PROGRESS

Scheme for Production of Planes and Engines Nearing Completion

Since the announcement, early in 1936, of the Government's intention to set up a system of "shadow factories" to facilitate rapid expansion, in an emergency, of the national production of aircraft and aero-engines, little has been heard of the progress of the scheme. It will be recalled that the proposal was to establish a chain of new works among which the manufacture of the different components could be distributed, the factories being a charge upon national funds, but the operation of them to be undertaken by leading firms of motor-car manufacture. The plan was assailed in some quarters on the ground that serious damage to any one factory would disorganize the whole chain; but the Air Ministry was convinced that it was not only workable, but that it was a satisfactory means of training personnel, providing for a quick expansion of output, and avoiding the delay that would be inevitable in changing over plant that was fully employed in time of peace, to work of a somewhat different character, in the event of war.

The inclusion of the shadow factories in the plan arranged for the party of German Air Force officers which, under General Milch, recently visited this country, was the first intimation to the general public that the scheme was nearing fruition. It is not yet entirely complete, but the technical press representatives, who, on the invitation of the Air Ministry, inspected the Coventry and Birmingham factories, were impressed by the progress of practically five hours' continuous progression, the extent of the work that has been accomplished in little more than a year of actual construction.

The scheme as adopted by the Air Ministry was framed with the dual purpose of providing part of the reserves of aircraft and engines required by the authorized expansion of the Royal Air Force, and of giving the motor firms concerned, whose resources had been earmarked by the Committee for Imperial Defence for Air Ministry work, experience in this specialized work which they could apply without loss of time in case of emergency. The second reason being one of primary importance, it was decided to locate the "parent" motor-factories, the firms undertaking their management as agents for the Government and being paid on an agreed basis for the aircraft and engines produced. This arrangement enables the work of manufacture and the training of personnel to proceed without interference with the ordinary commercial output of the firms, and has the additional advantage of collaboration.

The firms participating are Messrs. The Austin Motor Company, Limited, Longbridge, Birmingham; Messrs. The Daimler Company, Limited, Coventry; Messrs. The Rover Company, Limited, Birmingham; and Messrs. The Standard Motor Company, Limited, Coventry. The company manufactures certain com-

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE CAMPUS BOOK CO-OP

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Ballot boxes will be found in the lobby and common-room of the Arts Building and in the Engineering and Medicine Buildings.

Faculty and Year

How much have you spent this year on:

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2. Used Books? \$.....
3. Drafting instruments: New \$..... Used \$.....
4. Medical instruments: New \$..... Used \$.....
5. Are you interested in establishing a Co-operative Bookstore on the Campus?

CRITICISMS REMARKS SUGGESTIONS

ponent parts of the Bristol "Mercury VIII" air-cooled radial engine.

Half of the aero-engines produced will eventually be assembled and tested at the Austin factory, and the other half by Messrs. The Bristol Aeroplane Company, Limited, at a Government factory which has been built for the purpose on a site of eight acres at Bristol. Until the factory is completed, assembly and testing will be carried out at Bristol only, where the first engine is now on test. All the factories are now producing their respective components, at a steadily increasing rate. It is expected that the maximum peak-time production, on a one-shift basis, will be reached within the next six months. That this result has been achieved in so short a time is due in great measure to the decision to manufacture components only, rather than complete engines at each factory, thus avoiding duplication of the costly equipment for identical sets of jigs, gauges, and plant—Engineering (London).

INDICT ENGINEERS FOR INVENTIONS

Professor J. Husband Says Disadvantages Outweigh Benefits

The picture of our present civilization painted by Professor J. Husband in his presidential address to the Institution of Structural Engineers, delivered in London, constituted a serious indictment of engineers in general, only partially mitigated by the praise heaped upon the human race for the benefits of aircraft were "hopelessly counterbalanced by the possibilities of wholesale destruction of life and property in the event of another war; the centralization of population, directly deriving from engineering influences, was economically undesirable; engineering had limited freedom of expression in architecture; witness the cinema faciliates the propagation of much evil; in our slavery to mechanization we were closely reproducing, mutatis mutandis, the conditions which preceded the downfall of earlier civilizations."

Some of these and his other contentions could be easily elaborated; few could be entirely controverted. The internal-combustion engine has done more to make the world sweeter and less cruel than any other invention of modern times. It has encouraged forms of banditry previously known only by the isolated exploits of a few individuals; it has contributed immensely to the evils of overgrowth of cities, ribbon development, and the spoliation of the countryside—evils which could never have flourished so exuberantly without the aid of the internal-combustion engine. It has provided the transport facilities of half a century ago. So, with wireless, the cinema, and many other offshoots of Twentieth Century science which have brought us so much benefit, it has also brought us so much evil. It is a superlatively skillful advocate to build up an even stronger case against them than Professor Husband presented.

It may be asked, however, whether there might have been added in their favor than the few considerations that he did place to their credit. Despoits of oil, the populated provinces with the simplest weapons as effectively as any modern air armada can expect to do, and probably with a smaller expenditure of accumulated effort, but they were much less successful in the beneficent arts of life. There is no doubt that the bat famines and inundations and disease. Industrial chemistry, which is allied with engineering, has driven the fish from many rivers with its poisonous effluents, the alliance of engineer and chemist has also cleansed the rivers of the sewage that formerly poisoned the dwellers on their banks. In the transport and preservation of food, the control and distribution of water, the cheapening and widespread provision of such ordinary commodities as soap, the reduction of sea hazards, and in other ways, the engineer has probably saved many more lives than it has claimed as the penalty of modern discovery; as, indeed, the rapid increase in world population bears ample witness.

If engineering is a bane, at least it can be said that the engineer has also produced some very potent antidotes for which, on balance, we incline to think he has been given, rather less credit than his due. It is not the tools that others use; but skill in the use of tools comes only with experience, and in experience of engineering the world is still very young. — Engineering (London).

Abandonments Increase

Abandonment of railway branch lines is going on at a rapid rate as the roads are forced to make greater economies in plant and personnel under pressure of increased costs, it is pointed out in an editorial in the Rockford (Ill.) Star. "Since 1910," says the Star, "the

track mileage of American railroads has been cut by 8,685 miles, equal to the whole railroad system of some small but prosperous nations. The average has been around 1,800 miles a year.

Some of these lines had outlived their usefulness. Some served mines and lumber districts which are exhausted. But a high percentage of the abandonments was in prosperous rural communities, where highways had superseded railways. We confess that we cannot watch the course of abandonment with complete equanimity.

"We know that we are substituting a far more costly system of transportation, and one little faster for greater flexibility. Yet the uses of this flexibility are not yet fully developed; may never be. But it is something we pay for in higher cost and it is likewise true that the railroads once had, and could have again, far greater flexibility and usefulness if they were not hedged with uneconomic regulations."

HIDES AND SKINS PRODUCERS' LOSSES

Commercial Value of Careful Treatment Shown in Empire Brochure

Losses of considerable magnitude, estimated at several millions a year, are suffered by Empire producers of hides and skins owing to reduction of quality through faulty preparation in the countries of origin. This fact is emphasized in a monograph on "The Preparation of Empire Hides and Skins" recently issued by the Imperial Institute for the purpose of providing in a single volume all such information as will assist those engaged in the industry to raise the quality of hides and skins sent to the world's markets, by the improvement of the methods encountered in the goods as received by the tanner, by describing the requirements of the latter, and by pointing out the methods which should be followed, resulting from the investigations which have been made and are being carried out in the Empire on this subject.

In some of the highly-organized meat works in overseas countries and in certain large abattoirs, the commercial value of careful treatment is well understood and practised. It is the small and scattered native cattle owner, who is most to blame, and whom it is desired to educate through official veterinary services and commercial contacts.

The monograph is edited by Dr. J. R. Furlong, vice-principal of the Plant and Animal Production Department of the Imperial Institute. It is the outcome of a proposal made by Dr. E. C. Snow, manager of the United Tanners' Federation and secretary of the International Council of Tanners, to a meeting of the Imperial Consultative Committee on Hides and Skins. The committee, in adopting the proposal, suggested that the authorities concerned in Empire countries should be urged to co-operate in order to include in the monograph an account of the hide and skin industry in each country of the Empire. The Dominion of India and Colonial authorities concerned readily agreed to co-operate in securing the desired information.

The preface to the volume states that hides and skins, with certain specified exceptions, are needless damaged through lack of care in preparation and when sold to the tanner realize only part of their potential value. "Disease and other causes contribute to the lowering of quality, but in the main, faulty preparation is responsible for the principal damage. The loss in market value due to this cause represents an aggregate annual wastage of considerable magnitude, a loss which is borne by the producers and which is avoidable. After examining the Canadian industry as a whole, the monograph says: "It is anticipated that marked improvement may be looked for in the next few years through the reduction of warble-fly damage. In addition, improvement may be expected in the condition of country hides through greater care in preparation. As country hides constitute about one-half of the total production, improvement in their condition is an important matter. With improvement in these hides Canada could more nearly meet her own hide requirements, or at least more nearly balance her trade in this commodity."

Jews in the Professions

In Pre-Hitler Germany, where the Jews had attained such a high level of prosperity by means of business, it is significant that most of the Jewish merchants devoted their sons to the learned professions, particularly those of law and medicine; in America and England, also, there is a marked tendency on the part of immigrants, just as soon as they have secured a competence as tailors, butchers or storekeepers, to put their sons into the professions. This in spite of the fact that the income from a profession is more precarious than that from industry or business, being the often-made charge that the Jews are wholly given to money-making, and showing that idealistic motives also largely enter into their choice of a career.

SOCIAL CREDIT AS FANTASTIC JUMBLE

Hysteria, Hatred and Fear Mark Life of Alberta Today

"A fantastic jumble of bitter conflicts, fanatic credulity, wild unreason, passionate hope and hysterical hatred." Such is the description applied to Social Credit, Alberta, by the editor of the *Edmonton Journal*, in the December 15 issue of that magazine. Writing under the title, "Crisis in Alberta," Mr. Irwin says in part: "Behind a facade of 'business as usual,' is an emotional tension so foreign to the normal Canadian scene as to be scarcely credible to anyone who has not lived in the midst of it. The picture is a chaotic following of a prophetic political economist fumes at each obstacle placed in the way of the progress; chorales with glees at each disclosure of the enemy." It's the kind of following that of psychological necessity must have a personal devil; there's many a back-country Social Creditor to whom the batter or "the big shot" occupies that role. Their big shot, "The Christian Premier" wrestling with the forces of Satan.

Sunday after Sunday the Prophet-Premier, Mr. Brown, exhort, chastises, cajoles his flock by radio. If it's not the premier, it's his man Friday, Hon. E. C. Manning, who stepped from the post of secretary of the Social Credit Party to the position of Minister of Provincial Secretary. When one broadcasts from Calgary, the other does so from Edmonton, and vice versa.

And when his opponents protest the broadcasting of his radio, Sunday, the premier retorts that they can turn off their radios if they don't like it; and adds, "Wouldn't we all be better off if we had more religion?"

Over against this, are fear, hysteria and positive hatred. Move through the business and professional communities of Calgary and Edmonton, which are almost solidly against the Government, and you will find two types of reaction. The more objective individual takes things coolly enough, says that too many businessmen are picking too much attention to Social Credit and not enough to their businesses.

The less objective type of individual, on the other hand, lives in the shadow of a menace. He feels that the very foundation of his economic well-being are threatened. The Abernathian appeals to sanctions other than those of the reason drive him frantic, for he is unable to repress his feelings of incoherence, the fantastic contradictions of Government policy, add fuel to his fury. He's like a man living on the slopes of a volcano who, though he knows that he will die but never actually erupts, and the strain is beginning to tell.

Doctors in Edmonton have a name for the resulting nervous condition. They call it "social credititis." "There's no doubt," says one, "that the strain has materially shortened the lives of considerable numbers; it's a definite neurosis." The system, says another, "is obvious symptoms of what you call what it is like," exclaimed one lawyer. "For two years we've been living in hell. And I can't stand it any longer. We've got to get out." "The rest is not quotable. One group of wives in Calgary told me that they did their best to keep the morning paper from their husbands' eyes, signed a pledge not to read the paper, and that "that man" was doing or saying would send them to the office so wrought up they wouldn't do any work before lunch.

The language used on both sides privately and in many cases openly, is wild, intemperate. That of physical violence are not uncommon. Intermittently there appears for open sale on the streets of Calgary and Edmonton an anti-Government poster, showing a violence of political invective belongs in the class of the near-credible. Why it hasn't been sued for libel and worse is a puzzle. A recent issue of the *Edmonton Journal* resisted the Government by force. And it is openly supported by the contributors who are men of standing in the province, some of them national figures.

Beneath all this runs an undercurrent of fear, fear whose manifestations would suggest melodrama were they not so tragically real. Members of the Government caucus have signed a pledge of secrecy which declares:

"I also realize that the Government of which I am a Member is virtually at war, and that in war information which may appear unimportant is often vital. So I promise that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any information whatever which is imparted to me concerning legislation until it is discussed in the Assembly."

The cause of the fear is the same. An ex-Minister of the Crown is being interviewed. He is seated in a hotel room, near an open window. Suddenly he bounces to his feet, steps across the room and closes the window over the door. "What's the draught? No. 'You'll have to excuse me," he explains, "but this place is a hotbed of spies."

The cause of such fear may be real or imaginary, but the tragedy is that the fear exists. And therein lies what is perhaps the most disquiet